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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which were previously amended and under a Article 34 Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.